



Summer  
Edition

Northern Kentucky Bluegrass Music Association

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Keeping Bluegrass Music Alive In The Northern Kentucky Area

## The NKBMA Supports Young People In Bluegrass Music

I don't know if you know it or not, but as a member of the Northern Kentucky Bluegrass Music Association you are helping to support a young Bluegrass musician through college. The NKBMA recently contacted The Kentucky School Of Bluegrass and Traditional Music located in Hyden Kentucky and offered a scholarship to one young student to help them financially through their college career.

A total dollar amount of \$1000 dollars was put together as a scholarship for 2010 - 2011. This may not sound like much, but putting two kids through college myself, I know every bit helps.

Dean Osborne, director of the Kentucky School of Bluegrass and Traditional Music said they are extremely grateful for the interest we have shown in supporting their school and their students. Many of these students are putting themselves through college and need every bit they can get.

Students who are interested in the scholarship provide resumes, a 300 word essay about themselves and what they plan to do in Bluegrass music along with personal references and their academic portfolio from the previous year.

All of this is taken into consideration by the NKBMA scholarship committee and one student is selected to receive this scholarship money. "Our hopes are to grow the amount of this scholarship in the future" states NKBMA president Steve McCain. "We need the continued support of our members during the fund raising events we will hold throughout the year, we always have a donation box out at our jam sessions at Willis Music and are now putting a booth up at many of the local festivals where we are able to pass out information and take donations to hopefully increase this amount next year".

There is no better way of keeping Bluegrass music alive than to help the young folks who want to make a career in music a little easier.

If you are interested in getting more information on the Kentucky School of Bluegrass and Traditional Music, you can visit their website at <http://kybluegrassschool.com>.

We will announce the winner of this years scholarship in our next edition of the Northern Grass as well as on our website [nkbma.com](http://nkbma.com) at the beginning of August. Thanks again for your support!



Dean Osborn and staff on opening day at the Kentucky School of Bluegrass and Traditional Music

# Midwestern Hayride....What's That?

By Steve McCain

If you were to ask a young adult today what the Midwestern Hayride is, they would probably say a wagon ride out in California somewhere.

Now ask them what good TV is and you would get a host of mixed answers. A 30 something adult might say any number of Dramas like 24, House, Big Brother or Survivor. A 20 something adult may answer The Simpson's, Family Guy or MTV, and anyone under 20 probably would answer a cartoon of some sort or the latest video game they play on TV instead of watching it.

So many of our TV shows have evolved into violence, bad language and poor humor. Thinking where it all started is just a distant memory, drowned out by shows that try to see how many ways you can murder someone, blow up a city or more recently the ever popular reality show where we sit around the TV watching, entranced as another family does everyday things like wash cloths, clean bathrooms, re-model their family room or argue with each other till one goes storming out of the house. I am waiting for a reality show of a family that sits around watching reality shows. What is sad is there are people out there that will sit and watch that. Is this a crazy loop or what? TV has become not entertainment, but a babysitter, something to do to take up time till you go to bed or even a blueprint for some stupid terrorist that watches an episode of 24 and has a brainstorm for a new way to kill people.

Now ask someone who is in their 40's, 50's, 60's and up what good TV is. I suspect you will get totally different answers. They remember good TV in the days when you could watch TV and not feel like you had to relate to a dysfunctional family on TV and just sit down and laugh through a few half hour sitcoms of how Gilligan screwed up again and how those castaways will be on the island for at least another week. Go back in time even further and now you are watching something called a variety show. Ah, the days of Dean Martin, Carol Burnett, Hee Haw, Sonny and Cher and Donny and Marie.

Simple comedy, good music and clean enough you could have your young kids in the room and didn't have to keep your finger on the remote in case a love scene or bad language comes on unexpectedly.

Now jump back to the 1940' and 1950's. TV was just a baby and "live" TV was just that, live. What you were watching was happening real time in some TV studio across the country and the actors didn't get 20 takes to get the scene right, if they messed up, they had to pull themselves together and start over. What kind of pressure that must have been. When it came down to it, that possible mistake is what made them special. Shows like Red Skelton, Bob Hope and Jack Benny were all examples of guys that could forget their lines and turn it into the funniest thing you ever saw.

On a more local level, we in the tri-State area were part of this live TV history. One of the more popular shows on in the evening was the Midwestern Hayride. This TV show which evolved from earlier radio shows such as the Boone County Jamboree went on the air for the first time in August of 1948 on WLW-TV. The show was produced at Crosley Square Studios in Cincinnati. In 1955 the show had become so popular they moved to Castle Farms dance pavilion where they had a seating capacity of 2,800 people. They had to turn away 500 people that first show. People were driving in from 200 miles away to see the show. The show became so popular that it became part of the NBC network on Friday nights just after the Red Buttons and Jack Carson shows.

This arrangement would let thousands across the country tune in and see Hugh Cherry emcee the show. The special guest for a evening may have been Pee Wee King, Red Stewart and their band the Golden West Cowboys. Some of the other acts that would appear on the show were the Kentucky Briarhoppers, The Trailhands, Jimmy Walker, Lafe Harkness, Prairie Songbirds and Paul Arnold.

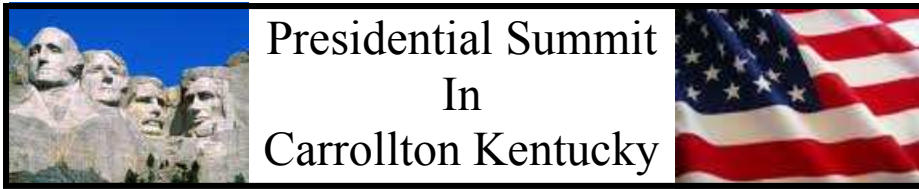
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Left : Dean Osborn and Higher Vision perform at concert in May At Willis Music.

Right: Judy Pickett poses with one of her favorite Bluegrass musicians Glenn Richie





# Presidential Summit In Carrollton Kentucky

If you happened to be in Carrollton Kentucky on July 17th you had the opportunity to see two monumental events. Not only could you see the 10th annual Carrollton Bluegrass festival, produced by Gary Strong, you also saw an anomaly of four presidents, past and present, of the Northern Kentucky Bluegrass Music Association all in one place. You may have expected to see an event of this magnitude reported on CNN, FOX, WKRC or even RFD TV but they all missed it! Only this



From left to right - President Earl Wiseman, President Ron Cornett, President Steven McCain, President Ron Simmons.

reporter for the Northern Grass beat all the big networks to the punch. Now if this gathering included Obama, Bush, Clinton and Reagan I bet they all would have been there! Come to think of it if Reagan showed up I know The National Enquirer would have been there. Well the networks don't know what they missed. While our US presidents would sit around a beautiful table made of mahogany, plush chairs of velvet and food cooked by the best chefs in Washington, our down to earth NKBMA presidents sat in foldable lawn chairs holding on to a bowl of ice cream or a grape slushy and solved many of our world problems today....well, ok, health care is still screwed up but everything else is fixed. It would be nice to report that was true but we stuck to what we knew best which is Bluegrass music.

It was nice to sit and discuss events we have been involved with in the past, catch up on what is going on with common friends and what we can do as the NKBMA to help keep Bluegrass music in front of the people of the Northern Kentucky, tri-state area. As with our US presidents, we may not agree on everything, but we all know its all about the music and keeping it alive and that will never change.

While this gathering of presidents was important, I don't want it to overshadow what we were really there for. Gary Strong put on another great Bluegrass festival bringing together some of the best local and regional talent around. Earl Wiseman and Kentucky Express, Common Ground, Summertown Road, Gary Strong and Hard times, and the Moron Brothers just to name a few. The weather was hot, humid and only a threat of rain (normal for a Bluegrass festival) but that didn't take away from the fun that everyone had.

Let's keep this festival season going! There are still plenty of festivals left in the season and we need to get out there and support these musicians. Get on the NKBMA website and check out our calendar page for what is coming up each weekend and don't forget Gary Strong has Bluegrass music every Saturday night at the Old Star Theater in Dry Ridge Ky.

Steve McCain



# 20th Annual Brown County Bluegrass Festival

## August 26th, 27th and 28th 2010

Tickets: Thursday - \$ 15.00  
Friday - \$ 25.00  
Saturday - \$ 30.00  
Children 14 and under are FREE

### Bands Playing

#### Thursday

Friends Of Bluegrass  
Hazel Holler  
Dixie Ryders  
Russell Moore and Illrd Tyme Out

#### Friday

Bobby Mackey and Pine Hill Pickers  
Big Country Bluegrass  
Tommy Brown and County Line Grass  
Bill Yates  
Joe Mullins and Radio Ramblers  
James King Band

#### Saturday

Crossroads  
Wildwood Valley Boys  
Tommy Brown County Line Grass  
Big Country Bluegrass  
Higher Vision  
Jr. Sisk  
JD Crowe and the New South



Located across from the Florence Mall and next to H.H.Gregg on Mall Road, our Florence Superstore has it all. Store manager Rick Fuchs brings years of service and experience to meet your every need. Our Florence location also features a 24 track digital recording studio and performance center in addition to the Kate Young Music Makers studios and lesson center.

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Some of the more well known names on the show were Bonny Lou, Kenny Price, Bobby Bobo, Ernie Lee and the Midwestern dancers and most of you remember Paul Dixon who hosted the show for a while. Later on in the 60's more nationally known names such as Tex Ritter, Waylon Jennings, Porter Wagoner, Dolly Parton, Barbara Mandrell and Willie Nelson would all perform on the show.

You may or may not know this but our own Ron Simmons (Treasure of the NKBMA) worked at WLW in later days of the show and was able to participate in the production of this show. Ron has very fond memories of the music he became part of and the people he worked with on that show.

The Midwestern Hayride was before my day of remembering TV shows but I know mom and dad speak of it with fond memories as they would watch the show with my grandparents when they would visit with them.

The Midwestern Hayride went off the air in 1972 but captured America's hearts and gave our tri-state area a chance to be in the national spotlight for 24 years. There are not many shows today that can claim that.

So the next time you are talking with your children, grand children or great grand children, let them know what the predecessor to MTV was and hope that we don't lose that sight of where it all started.

Steve McCain



MIDWESTERN HAYRIDE, c. 1953

CINCINNATI, OH

Members of the Midwestern Hayride in 1953



A number of NKBMA members working our new NKBMA booth that we want to have at a number of festivals in the future

## NKBMA Members Needing Our Thoughts and Prayers



Gracie Muldoon of World Wide Bluegrass is recovering from a recent stroke.

Jeff Cowherd, owner of Mandolins and More in his recent surgery.

Taylor Farley recently had some heart problems and now recovering.

Jack Bullock recovering from a leg infection

Let's keep all these folks in our prayers for a quick recovery.



Barry Scott, former member of Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver stops by a recent concert at Willis Music in Florence for a quick jam. Barry is starting his own band called Barry Scott and Second Wind.



Tommy Brown acting up with Gene Thompson and Crossroads



## NKBMA On The Move!

On the road again. This is Jo Ann your roving NKBMA reporter from the Red Lick Valley Bluegrass Festival, in Irvine, Ky. What a beautiful setting for a music festival. The mountains are close enough to almost reach out and touch them. It was unbearably hot, but the heat didn't dampen anyone's enjoyment. The lineup was great. I think Mr. & Mrs. Jenkins, promoters of the Red Lick Festival had another successful festival and we were told that it will go on again next year.

As you can see, from the pictures, Gene Thompson and Tommy Brown were at it again. Any time you have these two on the same stage, you're going to be entertained with the pranks that they play on each other. You never know what will happen. Tommy was on the program Friday and Saturday, so that gave Gene extra time to bug Tommy. Tommy got his pranks in too. If you didn't know them, you would think they couldn't stand each other, but you couldn't find two better friends.

Darrell Winkleman's group weren't able to make it. Darrell's brother passed away. Our prayers goes out to Darrell's family.

This is Jo Ann saying so long until the next festival, which will be Brown County.



Top - Tommy Brown's sister and Tommy's wife Laura  
 Middle - Tommy Brown and County Line Grass  
 Bottom - Stage at Redlick with Crossroads

### From the Bluegrass Unlimited

National Bluegrass Survey  
 Top 10 Bluegrass Songs

1 A Good Way To Get The Blues	- Grass Cats
2 The Ballad of Stringbean and Estelle	- Sam Bush
3 Farm of Yesterday	- Gibson Brothers
4 Great Day In the morning?	- Claire Lynch
5 Sweet Appalachia	- Del McCoury Band
6 My Florida Sunshine	- Claire Lynch
7 Give this message to your heart	- Larry Stephenson
8 Turn Up The Bottle	- Steep Canyon Rangers
9 Blue Railroad Train	- Josh Williams
10 One More For The Road	- Adam Steffey

### From the Bluegrass Unlimited

National Bluegrass Survey  
 Top 10 Bluegrass Albums

1. The Famous Lefty Flynn's	The Grascals
2. Whatcha Gonna Do	Claire Lynch
3. Twentieth Anniversary	Larry Stephenson
4. A Good Way To Get the Blues	Grass Cats
5. One More For The Road	Adam Steffey
6. Deep In The Shade	Steep Canyon Rangers
7. Down Home	Josh Williams
8. Cryin' Heart Blues	Audie Blaylock and Redline
9. Family Circle	Del McCoury Band
10. Circles Around Me	Sam Bush



## Seasonal Recipes

### Summer Pasta Salad

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 garlic clove, peeled
- 2 cups coarsely chopped pitted green olives (from about 6 ounces unpitted whole olives), divided
- 3 tablespoons capers, drained
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon anchovy paste
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon dried crushed red pepper
- 1/2 cup plus 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 pound gemelli, fusilli, or rotelle pasta
- 2 pints cherry tomatoes or grape tomatoes, halved
- 1 8-ounce package small (cherry-size) fresh mozzarella balls in water
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh oregano

#### PREPARATION

With food processor running, add garlic clove to processor through feed tube and process until finely chopped; turn off machine. Add 1 cup chopped olives, capers, red wine vinegar, anchovy paste, mustard, and crushed red pepper. Using 6 on/off turns, process to chop coarsely. With machine running, gradually add 1/2 cup olive oil, forming coarse puree. Transfer to bowl; stir in remaining 1 cup olives. Season olivada to taste with salt and pepper.

**DO AHEAD:** *Olivada can be made 3 days ahead. Cover and refrigerate.*

Cook pasta in large pot of boiling salted water until just tender but still firm to bite, stirring occasionally. Drain well. Transfer drained pasta to large bowl. Drizzle remaining 1 tablespoon oil over pasta; toss to coat. Cool, stirring occasionally. Add olivada, halved tomatoes, mozzarella, and oregano to pasta; toss to coat. Season to taste with salt and pepper.



Willis Music Superstore in Florence Kentucky is now an official WoodSongs CoffeeHouse affiliate. Willis can use the "WoodSongs CoffeeHouse brand" at musical events/concerts in our Performance Hall.

They will be following the spirit of the original "WoodSongs" with Acoustic Music (Bluegrass, Folk, Blues, Country, etc.). Certainly, Bluegrass music is an example of acoustic music making at it's best.

Willis' Mission is to support the Music Making Community with their Performance Hall. They will have at least (4) WoodSongs Coffeehouse branded music event/concerts per year, and will record (audio) live performances for the artists and possibly feed it to WoodSongs' local radio affiliates. They will also invite local cable producers to videotape performances.

## [www.nkbma.com](http://www.nkbma.com)

Want to keep up on all the NKBMA stuff between newsletters? Log onto

[www.nkbma.com](http://www.nkbma.com)

Our website includes:

- \* NKBMA news
- \* Calendar of Bluegrass events in our area
  - \* Information on local jam sessions
  - \* Concerts
- \* And much more!



# Bluegrass Corner

## August 7th

Wapakoneta, OH 45895

When: Aug 5, 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Description:

Hosted by Vernon and Kitty McIntyre, the Bluegrass Café is a weekly event on

Thursdays. Enjoy the music in a homey, relaxed atmosphere.

Admission: \$5.

## August 6th and 7th - What: Painter Creek Festival

Where: 8805 Painter Creek Arcanum Rd.

When: Aug 6 - Aug 7 (All Day)

Description: dmasters937@aol.com 937-548-7219 showtime

Friday: 7pm-?

Featuring Vernon McIntyres Appalachian Grass plus LOTS more.

st 7th: Famous Old Time Music Company

20322 US 33

## August 5th—7th 16th annual Osborne Brothers Festival

Hyden, Kentucky, Hosted by the Dean Osborne Band Crossroads, Higher Vision, Tommy Brown, Lonesome River Band, The Moron Brothers, Bobby Osborne and the Rocky Top X-press, Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys Visit [www.osbornebrosfestival.com](http://www.osbornebrosfestival.com) for more details

**August 7th** Appalachian Heritage Festival, Miami White-water Park, Harrison, Ohio —Featuring Retread Bluegrass Band. 6:00 to 7:30—Free admission for Hamilton Park pass holders

## August 12th - 14th - What: GRASSSTOCK

Harrodsburg, KY 40330

When: Aug 12 - Aug 14 (All Day)

Description: Three day pass \$30.00 or \$10.00 per day

Directions: From Cincinnati: Take I-75 South to Newtown Pike Rt. 922 (airport exit). Follow BG signs (Circle 4 to US 60 West Versailles Rd. to BG Parkway). Take BG Parkway to US 127South. Follow 127 approximately 15 miles to Harrodsburg. Turn right after Mr. Kwik Mart onto US 68/152 West. Approximately 2 blocks veer right onto 152 West and follow 7.5 miles to Terrapin Hill Farm on the left. Check out [www.grassstock.com](http://www.grassstock.com) all information needed or call Terrapin Farm at 859-734-7207

**August 27th** - NKBMA Bluegrass Jam at Willis Music in Florence Ky. on Mall Rd.. Come out and join your friends in what is becoming one of the larger jams in our area. If you are a beginner, seasoned musician or somewhere in between, you will find this jam the place to be. The jam occurs on the 4th Friday of each month. We hope to see you there.

## August 26th, 27th and 28th - What: 20th Annual Brown County Bluegrass Festival

Where: Brown County Fairgrounds - Georgetown, Ohio

When: Aug 26 - Aug 28 (All Day)

Description: Big name performers - IIIrd Tyme Out on Thursday, Bobby Mackey, Tommy Brown, Joe Mullins and James King on Friday, Crossroads, Higher Vision, Jr. Sisk, JD Crowe, Big Country Bluegrass and Wildwood Valley Boys on Saturday. Thursday = \$15.00, Friday = \$25.00, Saturday = \$30.00  
Camping available

Please visit [www.browncountybluegrass.com](http://www.browncountybluegrass.com) for complete schedule.

## JD Crowe Festival Sept 2 - 4th Wilmore, Kentucky - Bluegrass

music, car shows, cornhole tournament, 5K race, archery demonstrations - It's more than music festival - Go to [www.jdcrowefestival.com](http://www.jdcrowefestival.com)

## September 10th - 6 to 9 evening - Cincinnati Nature Center -

Tealtown Road Milford, Ohio

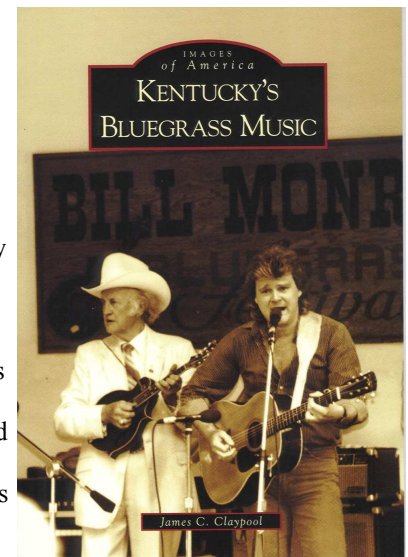
Featuring Re-tread Bluegrass Band -

Cost for nature center members is 5.00 non member 10.00

# Kentucky's Bluegrass Music

"A Must Have"

If you have walked through just about any bookstore, drug store or shopping center in our area, you have more than likely come across a familiar book cover that is published by Arcadia Publishing that normally shows the history of one of our local towns such as Erlanger, Burlington, Florence and many others. As I was walking through the store a few months back, to my surprise I came across one of these books that was highlighting Kentucky's Bluegrass Music. What a treat! I am a huge history buff anyway but to combine that with Bluegrass music, I had to have it. This collection of photos and written history was put together by Mr. James C. Claypool, a professor at Northern Kentucky University and has written a number of other books on our local areas. What I found interesting was this book contained images from many of our present and past members of the NKBMA. Photos of Gene Thompson and his band Crossroads, Tommy Brown and County Line Grass, The Moron Brothers, The James Family and John Sloan can be found throughout the pages of this wonderful book. If you are a Bluegrass fan and particularly from our tri-state area, you will find this book a must for your personal library. If you are interested in getting this book, you can order on line at [www.arcadiapublishing.com/](http://www.arcadiapublishing.com/), by calling 888-313-2665 or look for it in our local book stores.



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Don Rigsby  
McCoy Grass

## Friday August 13th


Marble Hill  
Open Rail  
Hurley Ridge  
Misty Mountain Morning  
Katie Penn and New Town  
Nightflyer  
Lori Lyn and New Outlook  
And more

## Saturday August 14th

Wolf Creek  
Rock Island Plow Co.  
String Mountain Band  
Blackwater Run  
Revival Ridge  
Missy Warner Band  
Valerie Smith and Liberty Pike  
And more



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